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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN NAVY SHIP REQUESTS

REF: A) QUITO 5187 B) STATE 177223 C) QUITO 5592
D) CNO 241927 Z AUG 74

1. THERE IS NO PROSPECT IN SIGHT NOW FOR MORE THAN ONE "HOT SHIP" DD BECOMING AVAILABLE FOR ECUADOR IN FY 76. IT IS TOO EARLY TO SPECULATE AT THIS TIME ON PROSPECTS FOR AVAILABILITY IN FY 77, WHICH WILL DEPEND ON THE U.S. NAVY'S THEN CURRENT FLEET REQUIREMENTS. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, YOU MAY ASSURE ADM. VASQUEZ THAT WE WILL GIVE EVERY CONSIDERA-TION TO ECUADOR'S REQUIREMENTS SHOULD ADDITIONAL ASSETS
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2. DOD IS NOT YET ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC DD WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ECUADOR IN FY-76. HOWEVER, THE SHIP EVENTUALLY CHOSEN WILL FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF VESSELS WHICH, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT (REF B), CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT PRIOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BY LAW. DOD IS CURRENTLY PREPARING PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ONE DESTROYER FOR ECUADOR.

3. THE ARGUMENT IN REF (C) THAT WE ARE SLIGHTING THE ECUADOREAN NAVY IS NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FACTS. IF ANYTHING, OUR OFFERS TO THE ECUADOREAN NAVY HAVE BEEN MORE GENEROUS THAN OUR OFFERS TO THE OTHER SERVICES. WE HAVE PROMISED THEM A HOT SHIP DESTROYER IN FY 76 AT A NOMINAL PRICE IN ADDITION TO OFFERING THEM SEVERAL OTHER SHIPS WHICH THEY CHOSE NOT TO ACCEPT. THE LETTERS OF OFFER FOR AIRCRAFT ARE AT PREVAILING PRICES FOR NEW PRODUCTION IN THE CASE OF BOTH THE A-37B AND THE F-5E. THE OPTION OF ORDERING SHIPS FROM NEW PRODUCTION IS NOT ONLY OPEN TO THE ECUADOREAN NAVY, BUT IS EVEN ENCOURAGED BY ADM. HOLLOWAY IN HIS LETTER TO ADM. VASQUEZ (REF D).

4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER THE LETTER FROM ADM. HOLLOWAY, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED IN REF (D). KISSINGER

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